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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
2	CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 1:23-cv-11018-NMG
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4	MICHAEL BARRETT, on behalf of himself and all others similarly
5	situated,
6	Plaintiffs,
7	vs.
8	THE GARAGE CARS, LLC d/b/a THE GARAGE,
9	Defendant.
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12	VIDEOCONFERENCE 30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF GARAGE CARS, LLC,
13	BY AND THROUGH ERIC SCHNEIDER
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15	Monday, June 10, 2024
16	9:33 a.m.
17	Remote Proceeding
18	Cambridge, Massachusetts
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8	this proceeding.)	
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14	Q. Now, there is currently an entity named Th	ne
15	Garage selling cars in Massachusetts, correct?	
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1	THE REPORTER: We are now on the record. The
2	time is 9:33 a.m. on June the 10th, 2024. We are here
3	to take the deposition of Eric Schneider in the case of
4	Michael Barrett v. The Garage Cars, LLC.
5	Good morning, everyone. My name is Shayne
6	Colomy, notary public and digital reporter for Esquire
7	Deposition Solutions in the state of New Jersey. I'll
8	be capturing the verbatim record of today's proceeding,
9	using electronic audio equipment, a computer, and
10	specialized recording software, which is not a form of
11	stenography.
12	The witness is located in Cambridge,
13	Massachusetts, and does not have the local authority
14	present to administer the oath to them.
15	In lieu of my administering the oath to this
16	witness, I would ask that all parties stipulate that
17	the witness has identified himself as Eric Schneider,
18	and that the witness' testimony will be treated as if
19	given under oath, and that the final transcript may be

Can you verbalize your agreement to this stipulation by stating your name, your firm, and who you represent in this matter.

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1	MR. ZELMAN: Yitzchak Zelman, for Marcus &
2	Zelman, representing the Plaintiff; so stipulated.
3	MR. LEBLANC: Eric LeBlanc from Bennett &
4	Belfort. I just want to make a clarification that we
5	are here for the 30(b)(6) deposition of Garage Cars,
6	LLC, not the individual deposition of Mr. Schneider,
7	and we so stipulate.
8	THE REPORTER: Understood. Thank you.
9	Counsel, this witness is yours.
10	MR. ZELMAN: Thank you.
11	EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. ZELMAN:
13	Q. Good morning. My name is Yitzchak Zelman, and
14	I represent the plaintiff, Michael Barrett, in this
15	action.
16	Can you please state your name for the record.
17	A. Eric Schneider.
18	MR. LEBLANC: And Yitzchak, can you please put
19	the stipulations on the record?
20	MR. ZELMAN: Sure. Just all objections are
21	reserved for the time of trial, except for form, right?
22	Other than that
23	MR. LEBLANC: Motions to strike are reserved.
24	MR. ZELMAN: Motions to strike are reserved



1	for time of trial, as well. Anything else?
2	MR. LEBLANC: Witness will be given 30 days to
3	read and sign.
4	MR. ZELMAN: Sure.
5	MR. LEBLANC: And to the extent required,
6	notary is waived.
7	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. Understood.
8	BY MR. ZELMAN:
9	Q. Mr. Schneider, you understand that you're
10	testifying here today on behalf of The Garage Cars,
11	LLC, doing business as The Garage?
12	A. Yes.
13	THE REPORTER: Apologies, Counsel. My
14	Internet just cut out for a bit. Could you just repeat
15	that last question?
16	BY MR. ZELMAN:
17	Q. Sure. Mr. Schneider, you understand you're
18	testifying here today on behalf of The Garage Cars,
19	LLC, doing business as The Garage?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. All right. For purposes of today's
22	deposition, I'll just refer to that company as The
23	Garage. Is that all right with you?
24	A. Yes.



1	Q.	What is your role with that company?
2		MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
3		THE WITNESS: That company is no longer in
4	business.	
5	BY MR. ZE	LMAN:
6	Q.	Okay. What was your role with that company
7	when it w	as in business?
8	А.	I was the president.
9	Q.	Were you also the manager?
10	А.	I believe so, yes.
11	Q.	Okay. When did that company go out of
12	business?	
13	А.	In 2021, I believe, December of '21.
14	Q.	Okay. And what business was that in?
15	А.	I'm sorry?
16	Q.	What business was The Garage in?
17	А.	I I don't understand the question.
18	Q.	The Garage, did it sell produce?
19	А.	Oh, excuse me. It was an automobile
20	dealershi	p.
21	Q.	Okay. Thank you. Now, there is currently an
22	entity na	med The Garage selling cars in Massachusetts,
23	correct?	
24		MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Outside the scope.



1	You can ask about the the entity that's been sued.
2	MR. ZELMAN: I understand.
3	BY MR. ZELMAN:
4	Q. You can answer, Mr. Schneider.
5	MR. LEBLANC: No. I'm I'm instructing you
6	not to answer. That's outside the scope of your
7	30(b)(6).
8	MR. ZELMAN: I understand. The only time you
9	can instruct a witness not to answer a question is if
10	you're moving to limit or terminate the deposition
11	because I'm harassing or abusing the witness.
12	Is that what you're doing right now?
13	MR. LEBLANC: You are going outside the bounds
14	of your 30(b)(6) notice. The witness has nothing
15	prepared on that topic.
16	MR. ZELMAN: I understand. So he can testify
17	as to his personal knowledge. Again, there's very few
18	times under the FRCP you can instruct the witness not
19	to answer. If you are doing so now, we can get the
20	Court on the line.
21	Is that your intention?
22	MR. LEBLANC: We can certify this question.
23	And go ahead and answer the question,
24	Mr. Schneider.



1	THE WITNESS: What is the question?
2	BY MR. ZELMAN:
3	Q. This question was simply this: There is an
4	entity named The Garage selling vehicles in
5	Massachusetts, as of today's date, correct?
6	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
7	You can answer.
8	THE WITNESS: Yes.
9	BY MR. ZELMAN:
LO	Q. And that's got two locations?
L1	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
L2	You can answer.
L3	THE WITNESS: Yes.
L4	BY MR. ZELMAN:
L5	Q. One location is in Brockton, one location is
L6	in Whitman?
L7	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
L8	You can answer.
L9	THE WITNESS: Yes.
20	BY MR. ZELMAN:
21	Q. The location that we're going to be talking
22	about today, the dealership I'm sorry. Let me
23	rephrase.
24	The dealership that closed, that was located



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1	vehicles there at the end of the business.
2	BY MR. ZELMAN:
3	Q. Was it a matter of you sold every last one at
4	that location or did they move to another location?
5	A. From the best of my memory, I believe we sold
6	them.
7	Q. Okay. What did you do with all the records
8	relating to the vehicles sold from that dealership?
9	A. What do I do or what did I do?
10	Q. Well, what did you do?
11	A. We had them kept in folders.
12	Q. Do you still have them?
13	A. No, I do not.
14	Q. Who does?
15	A. They were thrown away by my ex-landlord.
16	Q. The landlord of the Bridgewater location?
17	A. Correct.
18	THE REPORTER: Sorry. One more time, Counsel.
19	MR. ZELMAN: I was just saying the landlord of
20	the Bridgewater location.
21	THE REPORTER: Thank you.
22	MR. LEBLANC: Did you get the answer,
23	Mr. Colomy?
24	THE REPORTER: I believe he said, "Yes."



1	MR. LEBLANC: He said, "Correct."
2	THE REPORTER: Yeah. Oh, thank you.
3	BY MR. ZELMAN:
4	Q. What was your ex-landlord's name?
5	A. Thomas Cahill.
6	Q. Did you or anyone else at The Garage ask
7	Mr. Cahill to throw them away?
8	A. No.
9	Q. Why did he do that?
10	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
11	You can answer.
12	THE WITNESS: Because I was no longer his
13	tenant, and he had already rented the place out to
14	somebody else and they were taking up space, he said.
15	BY MR. ZELMAN:
16	Q. Okay. Do you have any other records relating
17	to the vehicles sold out of that location?
18	A. I do not.
19	Q. Do you have any electronic backups?
20	A. No.
21	Q. Okay. In this case, we're going to be talking
22	about a vehicle that was sold to my client, Michael
23	Barrett.
24	You have documents relating to that sale,



1	correct?	
2	A.	Yes.
3	Q.	How is that?
4	A.	I went to retrieve the record after I found
5	after I re	eceived a Complaint, I went to retrieve those
6	records.	That is when I found out that I needed the
7	folder.	
8	Q.	How did you retrieve those records?
9	A.	I went to the last known location of the boxes
10	and I pull	led the folder out.
11	Q.	What was the last known location of the box?
12	A.	In the office corner of where we used to lease
13	the lea	ase the office.
14	Q.	When did you do that?
15	A.	After I received the Complaint.
16	Q.	When you say "the Complaint," are you
17	referring	to the Complaint that initiated this lawsuit?
18	A.	Yes.
19	Q.	Have you read the Complaint filed in this
20	lawsuit?	
21	A.	Yes.
22	Q.	And the Complaint alleges claims on behalf of
23	Mr. Barret	tt and also on behalf of a class of similarly
24	 situated :	individuals.



1	Do you know what a class action is?
2	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
3	To the extent that would implicate
4	attorney-client privilege, I would instruct you not to
5	answer. If you have independent knowledge of what a
6	class action lawsuit is, you may answer.
7	THE WITNESS: I do know.
8	BY MR. ZELMAN:
9	Q. Okay. And so when you received that Complaint
10	on behalf of Mr. Barrett, you understood that the case
11	was not just referring to the claims I'm sorry, the
12	sale of the vehicle to Mr. Barrett, but the sale of
13	vehicles to a number of The Garage's customers?
14	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
15	THE WITNESS: I did not know.
16	BY MR. ZELMAN:
17	Q. You said you read the Complaint, though,
18	right?
19	A. I did.
20	Q. Okay. Did you read the section where the
21	Complaint states that, "Plaintiff therefore brings this
22	claim on behalf of himself and a class of similarly
23	situated consumers pursuant to Civil Rule 23"?
24	A. I did not read it thoroughly and understand



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2	Q. When you retrieved the file for Mr. Barrett's
3	sale, why did you not retrieve the remaining records
4	you had in this location that you no longer were
5	occupying?
6	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
7	You can answer.
8	THE WITNESS: I grabbed what I thought was
9	what I needed at that point in time and planned on
LO	going back to take the rest at a more convenient time.
L1	BY MR. ZELMAN:
L2	Q. Okay. How soon after that were these boxes
L3	thrown out by your ex-landlord?
L4	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
L5	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.
L6	BY MR. ZELMAN:
L7	Q. What is your ex-landlord's phone number?
L8	A. I don't know.
L9	Q. What is your ex-landlord's address?
20	A. I don't know.
21	Q. How long was your company a tenant of
22	Mr. Cahill?
23	A. I believe four or five years. I don't really
24	remember exactly.



1	Q. And during that time, you would communicate
2	with Mr. Cahill when needed?
3	A. When needed.
4	Q. And you would do that by phone?
5	A. I I don't remember.
6	Q. Do you remember communicating by phone with
7	Mr. Cahill at any time?
8	A. I don't remember.
9	Q. Okay. Mr. Cahill was your landlord for four
10	or five years, but you don't have his phone number saved
11	in your in your phone?
12	A. I do not.
13	Q. What was the address of the Bridgewater
14	location?
15	A. I believe it was 4 456 Bedford Street or
16	465 Bedford Street. I can't remember exactly.
17	Q. As a dealer in Massachusetts, are you aware
18	that you need to keep a title log of vehicles that come
19	in and it gets sold?
20	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
21	To the extent that would come from counsel, I
22	would instruct you not to answer. To the extent you
23	have independent knowledge, you may answer.
24	THE WITNESS: I am.



1	BY MR. ZELMAN:
2	Q. Okay. Do you still have that title log for
3	the Bridgewater location?
4	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
5	THE WITNESS: No.
6	BY MR. ZELMAN:
7	Q. Where is it?
8	A. It was thrown away with the records.
9	Q. In this case, Mr. Schneider, we're trying to
LO	identify the individuals who purchased vehicles from
L1	The Garage in the four-year period leading up to the
L2	filing of this lawsuit.
L3	Do you have any way to identify those
L4	individuals?
L5	A. No.
L6	Q. Can you identify some of those individuals?
L7	A. No.
L8	Q. Okay. Have you tried?
L9	A. No.
20	Q. Why not?
21	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
22	BY MR. ZELMAN:
23	Q. Mr. Schneider, you can answer.
24	A. I'm sorry. What is the question?



1	Q. I asked why not.
2	MR. LEBLANC: Why haven't you tried to
3	identify those individuals?
4	THE WITNESS: I wouldn't know how.
5	BY MR. ZELMAN:
6	Q. Okay. Who is Lauren Silver?
7	THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Could you repeat
8	that?
9	BY MR. ZELMAN:
10	Q. Who is Lauren Silver?
11	A. She was the salesperson.
12	Q. At the Bridgewater location?
13	A. Correct. Yes.
14	Q. Does she still work for any of the other
15	locations?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Okay. What location does she work at? Or
18	does she work just for the company in general?
19	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
20	You can answer.
21	THE WITNESS: She works for the company.
22	BY MR. ZELMAN:
23	Q. What does she do?
24	A. She sells automobiles.



1	Q. And she doesn't do that at a specific
2	location? She bounces around from location to
3	location? How does that work?
4	A. She works where she's needed.
5	Q. Is that the case for most of the employees of
6	The Garage? Do they go from location to location as
7	needed?
8	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
9	THE WITNESS: At times.
10	BY MR. ZELMAN:
11	Q. When Bridgewater was opened, was that the same
12	arrangement; Lauren or the other employees would go
13	from location to location, including Bridgewater, as
14	needed?
15	A. No.
16	Q. How did that differ?
17	A. Business has changed.
18	Q. How so?
19	A. Things have gotten slower.
20	Q. Things have gotten slower now?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. By that answer, I assume that back in 2020 or
23	2021, business was more active?
24	A. No.



1	Q.	Then what do	you mean business got slower	î? I
2	thought I	was making a	logical conclusion there.	

- Α. We don't need the same amount of people as we did at one point in time.
- 0. Okav. So when Lauren was working at the Bridgewater location back in 2020 or 2021, was she just working at the Bridgewater location at that time, or was she also going between locations at that time?
 - Α. She was in Bridgewater.
- 0. As a president/manager, you would go between the different locations?
- Α. No.

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- Where would you be? 0.
- 14 I worked virtual for a period of time during Α. COVID.
 - So were you at all locations, but of none? 0.
 - Α. I -- I would -- I would go to each location as needed, but I was not set in any one location permanent.
 - I remember those times. A lot of us were 0. working at home, if possible. Was that the case for a lot of The Garage employees?
 - Α. Yes.
- 23 So would a lot of them also work virtually at 0. 24 the different locations as needed?



1	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
2	THE WITNESS: No.
3	BY MR. ZELMAN:
4	Q. Who would?
5	A. I don't remember.
6	Q. How many people does The Garage employ overall
7	roughly?
8	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Before we go too
9	much further, when you're referring to The Garage,
10	you're referring to the entity that's been named as the
11	30(b)(6) deponent, right?
12	MR. ZELMAN: I guess let's let's clarify
13	this, if you will.
14	BY MR. ZELMAN:
15	Q. Mr. Schneider, is there one entity that is
16	sort of an umbrella organization or owns the different
17	locations?
18	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
19	THE WITNESS: They were separate businesses.
20	BY MR. ZELMAN:
21	Q. I I understand that. But as are you the
22	owner of the business?
23	A. The business is now closed.



1	you
2	A. Right.
3	Q. When the Bridgewater business was open, were
4	you the owner?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. And are you the owner of the Brockton and
7	Whitford [sic] businesses?
8	A. I am part owner.
9	Q. I I said Whitford. I meant Whitman. I'm
10	sorry.
11	Were you part owner of the Bridgewater?
12	A. I'm I'm a little confused with the
13	question.
14	Q. Sure. Okay. I think I left out a word at the
15	end there. Were you part owner of the Bridgewater
16	business or were you full owner of that one?
17	A. I was the owner.
18	Q. Okay. You were the only owner?
19	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
20	THE WITNESS: Yes.
21	BY MR. ZELMAN:
22	Q. Okay. And the Brockton location and the
23	Whitman location, are those organized as separate
24	businesses or are they owned by one business?



1		MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
2		THE WITNESS: They are separate businesses.
3	BY MR. ZE	LMAN:
4	Q.	Okay. And is there a holding company or some
5	sort of co	ompany that owns these various businesses?
6	A.	No.
7	Q.	Okay. So going back to my questions from
8	earlier.	We were talking about during COVID times that
9	you would	work virtually at the different locations as
LO	needed.	
L1		And my question was: Were there other
L2	individua	ls who were also doing that?
L3	A.	Working from home?
L4	Q.	Working virtually.
L5	A.	I I don't remember.
L6	Q.	How many employees were employed by the
L7	Bridgewate	er location?
L8	A.	One.
L9	Q.	Who is that?
20	A.	Lauren Silver.
21	Q.	Who's Chris Pires?
22	A.	He would help out once in a while for the
23	location,	driving some vehicles.
24	Q.	Okay. Does he currently work at any of the



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1	otner Gara	age locations?
2	Α.	As needed, he will drive vehicles for us, yes.
3	Q.	Okay. Have you spoken with anyone in
4	preparation	on for today's deposition?
5	Α.	Yes.
6	Q.	Who? Other than your attorney, which I don't
7	want to he	ear.
8	Α.	Nobody. Just my attorney.
9	Q.	Have you reviewed any documents in preparation
10	for today	s deposition?
11	Α.	Yes.
12	Q.	What documents were those?
13	А.	The answers to the deposing of the of your
14	client.	
15	Q.	Do you mean the deposition transcript of my
16	client?	
17	Α.	Yes.
18	Q.	Anything else?
19	Α.	My last answers to my interrogatory questions,
20	yes.	
21	Q.	All right. Anything else?
22	Α.	No.
23	Q.	All right. Have you reviewed a copy of the
24	Complaint	filed in this action?



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1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Anything else?
3	A. I don't think so. I don't remember anything
4	else.
5	Q. Have you ever reviewed a copy of the
6	deposition notice that is the reason why we're here
7	today?
8	A. If that was in I believe so, yes.
9	Q. Okay. Anything else?
10	A. I don't think so, no.
11	Q. What about the documents that the Plaintiff
12	produced in this action?
13	A. Yes, those were in there.
14	Q. What about the documents that the Defendant
15	produced in this action?
16	A. I believe I read those, yes.
17	Q. Okay. So when I asked if you reviewed any
18	documents and you say no, but then there's all these
19	documents that you have reviewed, I'm just trying to
20	make sure I have a full understanding of the documents
21	that you've reviewed.
22	Is there anything else that I haven't gone

over that you've looked at in preparation for today's



deposition?

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1	A.	Not to my memory. Possible. I don't think
2	there's	anything else that I reviewed, but.
3	0.	Have you spoken with Mrs. Silver or

- Q. Have you spoken with Mrs. Silver -- or Ms. Silver, I'm sorry, with regard to this case?
- A. It -- it's possible I might have mentioned it when it first came up. I believe so.
 - Q. What did you discuss with her?
- A. I asked her if she remembered about the particular client.
 - Q. What did she tell you?
- 11 A. That she did remember and that she was -- he was a good negotiator.
 - Q. Anything else she remembered?
- 14 A. I don't remember.
- Q. Okay. At a certain point -- well, let me ask you like this, probably a little better. In this case,
- The Garage produced a series of e-mails between
- 18 Ms. Silver and my client.
- 19 Did you see those?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Did you ask her to put those together?
- 22 A. I did.
- Q. When did she do that?
- A. I don't recall the exact date, but it was



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1	after I	received the Complaint.
2	Q.	Okay. And at that time, Lauren was using the
3	e-mail,	thegarageiii@comcast.net?
4	A.	I don't know.
5	Q.	Let me I I can share my screen, if that
6	would he	elp.
7	A.	I don't know her e-mail address.
8	Q.	Sure. So let me just put this up on the
9	screen.	Let me know when you can see it.
10	A.	Yes.
11	Q.	Do you see the documents on the screen in
12	front of	you, Mr. Schneider?
13	A.	Yes, I do.
14	Q.	Okay. And these are Bates stamped by your
15	attorney	. In the bottom right corner it says GAR 4
16	through	17.
17		Do you see that?
18	A.	Yes.
19	Q.	All right. And these documents are a series
20	of e-mai	ls between my client and Lauren, The Garage
21	Bridgewa	iter.
22		Do you see that?
23	A.	Yes.

All right. And the e-mail address is



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Τ	tnegarage111@comcast.net.
2	Do you see that?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Does that refresh your recollection of the
5	e-mail address that was used by Lauren at the
6	Bridgewater location?
7	A. No.
8	Q. Okay. But do you have any reason to doubt
9	that these e-mails are, in fact, Lauren's e-mails to my
10	client?
11	A. I don't know her e-mail address.
12	Q. I understand. At some point, you asked Lauren
13	for her e-mails with regards to my client, correct?
14	A. I did not ask her for her e-mails. She gave
15	me her e-mails.
16	Q. Okay. And these are the e-mails that she gave
17	you?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. All right. Did you ask her for e-mails
20	relating to any of the other customers of The Garage
21	Bridgewater location?
22	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
23	Wait. Wait. You can answer.
24	THE WITNESS: I have not.



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- Q. Okay. Now, have you read through these e-mails, or do you want a moment for me to, like, slowly scroll through them so you can read it?
 - A. You can read it.
- Q. No, I -- I've read them. I'm saying, have you seen this before? I don't need you to memorize it.

I'm just asking, have you, you know -- do you generally know what they were discussing in these e-mails?

- A. I have an idea.
- Q. Okay. Okay. So we can move along. There's conversations in these e-mails about the lien on the vehicle, or the plates, we're picking up the vehicle, and the registration, stuff like that.

Is that your recollection?

- A. Yes.
- Q. All right. And Lauren would have these types of conversations with other customers of the Bridgewater location in order to sell them the vehicles that are being sold by that location, correct?

MR. LEBLANC: Objection.

THE WITNESS: I don't know the conversations that she had with other clients at any point in time.



1	BY MR.	ZELMAN:		

- 2 But selling a vehicle requires a bit Q.
- 3 more work than say selling a blender, right? There's
- 4 registrations that need to be taken care of, plate
- 5 transfers, lien satisfactions, recording, stuff like
- 6 that.
- 7 Does that all sound like something you're
- 8 familiar with as being the manager and owner of The
- 9 Garage?
- 10 Objection. MR. LEBLANC:
- 11 You can answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Each deal is different.
- 13 BY MR. ZELMAN:
- 14 But each deal involves a motor vehicle, Ο.
- 15 correct?
- 16 Α. Yes.
- All right. And each motor vehicle needs to be 17 Q.
- 18 registered?
- 19 At some point. Α.
- 20 And they need a license plate? 0.
- 21 Clients have been known to come in and have Α.
- 22 their own plates with them.
- 23 Do you need to do any sort of arrangements or 0.
- 24 just tapering of the transfer to plates or anything



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- A. Each -- each transaction is -- is tailored differently for each client's needs.
 - Q. These aren't trick questions. What I'm trying to drive at here is that it's -- it's common in the motor vehicle transaction to have some of this back and forth, like what Lauren was doing with Mr. Barrett in terms of discussing liens, or plate transfers, or registration and stuff like that?
- 10 MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
- 11 You can answer.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Each customer is different.
- 13 BY MR. ZELMAN:
 - Q. So you can say that it's a common thing to have to deal with a registration of a vehicle upon selling that vehicle?
 - A. We -- we generally discuss these things at times throughout the deal. We know each customer's need.
 - Q. Sure. Do you have access to the e-mail address that we looked at a moment ago or does only Lauren have that access?
 - A. I -- I don't know if she has access to it.
 - O. Do you have access to it?



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- 2 Okay. I mean, but she still works for The Q. 3 Garage, correct?
- 4 MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Again, let's --
- 5 let's be clear about -- about the language we're using.
- 6 BY MR. ZELMAN:
- 7 Ο. Well, she works at the other two Garage
- 8 locations at this time, correct? That's your testimony
- 9 from earlier?
- She worked for our Bridgewater location that 10 Α.
- is currently closed. It's out of business. 11
- 12 I understand. But you -- we asked earlier 0.
- 13 about Ms. Silver, and you said she's still currently
- 14 working for the other Garage locations at this time,
- 15 correct?
- She does do work for us. Yes, she does. 16 Α.
- 17 Q. What is her role? Or is she -- oh, actually,
- 18 I'm sorry. She's still the -- the salesperson, you
- 19 said?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 0. Okay. And that's the same role she was
- 22 filling at the Bridgewater location?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 Ο. All right. What is Lauren's phone number?



Τ	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. I we're not going
2	to put that on the on a record.
3	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. We can take it off the
4	record.
5	THE WITNESS: Well, it's a private phone
6	number that I'd rather not give out, to be quite honest
7	with you, without her permission.
8	MR. ZELMAN: All right. Let me ask you like
9	this give me a moment. Maybe I can figure this out
10	with your counsel.
11	And Mr. LeBlanc, are are you representing
12	Ms. Silver as an employee of The Garage, or is this
13	someone, like, a witness that we should be contacting
14	outside of you?
15	MR. LEBLANC: Well, Ms. Silver is neither a
16	party nor currently employed by the entity that is at
17	issue. In addition, she has not her deposition
18	hasn't been noticed. So that being the case, I will
19	discuss with my client and take take an official
20	position after I talk with him.
21	MR. ZELMAN: Sure. Okay. So I was just
22	checking to see if you're currently representing her.
23	If she's not I mean, since it doesn't sound like
24	she's currently being represented by counsel,



1	Mr. Schneider, I'll get that phone number.
2	And Shayne, we can do this one off the record.
3	MR. LEBLANC: We're we're not giving you
4	the phone number right now.
5	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. Let me just flag this so
6	during a break, we can call the Court.
7	MR. LEBLANC: I wouldn't call the Court
8	MR. ZELMAN: What about
9	MR. LEBLANC: I wouldn't call the Court.
10	Again, we have to conference this issue and I need to
11	talk to my client about what the ultimate decision will
12	be.
13	MR. ZELMAN: Okay.
14	MR. LEBLANC: So again, this is outside the
15	outside the scope of the 30(b)(6) as the starting point.
16	But secondarily, we will we will take a reasoned
17	position. We want to do a little bit of research on
18	what the both discoverability of the number would be, as
19	well as whether or not it would be appropriate for you
20	to reach out to her.
21	MR. ZELMAN: Sure. Again
22	MR. LEBLANC: I certainly can't I certainly
23	can't represent or say that I'm representing someone who
24	I haven't spoken with as a result of the claims at issue



1	in the case.
2	MR. ZELMAN: I couldn't agree more. I'm just
3	saying that this is a witness identified in the initial
4	disclosures, and if I want to get ahold of this witness,
5	it's either through you as counsel or otherwise, I have
6	to find her. And
7	MR. LEBLANC: Oh, you you and you can
8	certainly and you can certainly ask to get ahold of
9	her through me. I can I can as an employee of the
10	company, I'm happy to do I'm happy to facilitate
11	that, but
12	MR. ZELMAN: Then that's fine.
13	BY MR. ZELMAN:
14	Q. All right. Now, Mr. Schneider, in the
15	discovery responses that we received in this case
16	hang on. Let me pull it up. I don't want to misstate
17	it. One second.
18	In response to Interrogatory number 4, the
19	Defendant responded that it sold approximately 8 to 12
20	months I'm sorry, 8 to 12 vehicles per month from
21	March 15, 2019 until the Bridgewater location closed
22	in December 2021.
23	Does that number sound about right to you?



Yes.

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Τ	Q. All right. And that number was consistent
2	throughout this two-and-a-half (audio interruption)?
3	A. To the best of my memory.
4	THE REPORTER: Counsel, just it cut out.
5	But I just wanted to get your question was, it was
6	consistent throughout the two-and-a-half years,
7	correct?
8	MR. ZELMAN: Yes.
9	THE REPORTER: Okay. Thank you. And the
10	witness' answer was "Yes." Thank you.
11	THE WITNESS: Yes, to the best of my memory.
12	THE REPORTER: Yes. Thank you.
13	BY MR. ZELMAN:
14	Q. Okay. Going to do some quick math here, one
15	second. So there are 33 months in that time period
16	between March 2019 and December 2021.
17	Can we agree on that, or do you want to take a
18	moment to to calculate that?
19	A. I would have to think that if you did it, I
20	would have to agree with you. It sounds like pretty
21	simple math.
22	Q. Sure.
23	A. So I I would agree with you.
24	Q. Perfect. It's two years and nine months, so.



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Q. Okay. Using the number at the low range, which was eight cars a month, that would be roughly 264 cars sold, and using the number at the high range, that would be roughly 396 cars sold.

Does that range sound about right to you?

- 7 A. I'm not doing the math, but, you know, I -- I 8 can do the math for you, if you want me to.
- 9 Q. I just did the math. I'm just asking you if 10 --
- 11 A. His math is right. Okay. There you go.
- 12 Q. Okay.

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- 13 A. Math is correct. There you go.
- Q. But I'm saying that range of vehicles sold sounds about what The Garage did in business until it closed in December 2021?
- 17 A. Sounds close, I think.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. I can't remember exactly.
- Q. And Lauren was the only salesperson for the Bridgewater location at that time, or were there other salespeople?
- A. I believe that we had another salesperson years ago, and I don't remember -- I can't remember his



1	name. He was there for a short period.
2	Q. Would you say that Lauren was the salesperson
3	for the vast majority of these deals?
4	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
5	THE WITNESS: A vast majority, yes.
6	BY MR. ZELMAN:
7	Q. Now, The Garage would charge a documentary
8	preparation fee when selling these vehicles, correct?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. That documentary preparation fee was posted on
11	a paper in the office somewhere?
12	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
13	THE WITNESS: It was posted on the wall.
14	BY MR. ZELMAN:
15	Q. Where which wall?
16	A. The wall that was in front of the customer
17	seating position at the time.
18	Q. Okay. So I've been to dealerships, but
19	they're all different, obviously.
20	So when you walk into the dealership, I assume
21	you're walking into the showroom with vehicles?
22	A. No. We had a front door. You would walk in
23	through the front door. The desk was to the right-hand
24	side. It was very small office, and the customer would

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1	sit in front of the desk, and as they were facing the
2	wall that was behind them, there was a sign there
3	was signage on the wall right behind them, whereas
4	they they couldn't miss it. It was right there in
5	front of them.
6	Q. And there was a picture produced in this
7	action of that sign. Was that picture I'm sorry.
8	Was that picture taken of the sign at the
9	Bridgewater location or at the sign at another location?
10	A. At the Bridgewater location.
11	Q. When was that picture taken?
12	A. I don't know when it was taken, prior to us
13	closing.
14	Q. Why was that picture taken at that time?
15	A. I believe we were trying to get a price on
16	painting, and we found it in an old picture.
17	Q. Okay. So the doc fee is listed on a paper
18	that's hanging on the wall there, as you described it,
19	but when The Garage is advertising its vehicles for
20	sale online, it is not including that documentary
21	preparation fee in the advertised price of the vehicle?

You can answer.

MR. LEBLANC:

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THE WITNESS: It always has.

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- It always has what? Q.
- Α. Listed the documentary preparation in its advertisements, to the best of my knowledge.
 - I'm not asking you if you're listing 0. something, saying, you know, taxes, title, doc fees extra.

Is that what you're referring to?

- Α. The documentation fees have always been advertised, to the best of my knowledge, in the advertisements.
 - Advertised how? Ο.
- Stating that there's documentary fees, and Α. tax, and title, and things of such in -- in conjunction with the purchase of the automobile.
 - Okay. But my question is a little different. 0.

When The Garage would advertise the price of the vehicle, say this vehicle is being sold for \$10,000, the documentary fee would not be rolled into that price.

That would be an additional fee that would be paid at the time of purchase, correct?

> Objection. MR. LEBLANC:

The price of the car would be THE WITNESS:



1	shown, and then it would it was a disclaimer that
2	states that the vehicle would have those charges on top
3	of that price.
4	BY MR. ZELMAN:
5	Q. And that was consistent throughout? That was
6	The Garage's practice?
7	A. Yeah, to the best of my memory.
8	Q. Okay. Were there also times that there was no
9	disclaimer at all regarding the additional doc fee?
10	A. I never inspected each ad personally, but to
11	the best of my understanding, they all had that.
12	MR. LEBLANC: And with no question pending,
13	let us take a five-minute break.
14	MR. ZELMAN: That's fine.
15	MR. LEBLANC: Thank you.
16	THE REPORTER: Hearing no objection, we'll go
17	off the record. The time is 10:26 a.m.
18	(A recess was taken.)
19	THE REPORTER: Standby. And we are back on
20	the record. Time is 10:34.
21	MR. ZELMAN: Thank you.
22	BY MR. ZELMAN:
23	Q. All right. I'm going to share my screen for
24	you, Mr. Schneider. Give me one second.



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- Let me know when you can see it, please. Q.
- 3 I see it. Α.
- 4 Q. All right. And I'm showing you an 5 advertisement that was produced by my client in this 6 action. It's Bates stamped Barrett 001 and 002.

7 Do you recognize this photo, Mr. Schneider?

- Α. I do, yes. I recognize the car.
- 9 All right. And this is a picture of the Q. 10 advertisement as it appeared on
- 11 TheGarageBridgewater.com's website?
- 12 Objection. MR. LEBLANC:
- 13 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't remember looking at
- it then. 14
- 15 BY MR. ZELMAN:
 - Understood. But does this appear to be what Q. an advertisement on The Garage website would look like?
 - Α. That is exactly what it reads, so yes.
 - Okay. You have no reason to doubt that this 0. is --
 - I don't doubt it, no. I see it, yes. Α. Yeah.
- 22 Now, on the second page of this 0. Okay. 23 advertisement, you have all the description of this 24 vehicle, it's specs over here. And then below that,



1	you have the fine print, if you will.
2	Do you see that?
3	A. I I can see fine print. I can't read it
4	from here, but I see it, yes.
5	Q. That's fine. So the vehicle is being
6	advertised for sale at \$14,995, correct?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. All right. But that does not include the
9	documentary preparation fee, which would be charged in
10	addition at the time of sale, correct?
11	A. Yes.
12	Q. And there is no mention of that documentary
13	preparation fee anywhere in this advertisement; isn't
14	that true?
15	A. I'm just reading it one more time and I don't
16	see it where it usually is.
17	Q. Why would that be?
18	A. I I don't know. I
19	Q. That's it?
20	A. What was that?
21	Q. I didn't know if you were continuing with that
22	sentence or if you were
23	A. No. I I don't know why it's not there.
24	Q. Okay. I'm just going to put another document



1	up on the screen here.
2	THE REPORTER: Your mic is cutting out a
3	little bit, Counsel.
4	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. It's closer. Let me know
5	if that helps.
6	THE REPORTER: Yeah, much better.
7	BY MR. ZELMAN:
8	Q. All right. Let me know you can see this next
9	document on your screen, Mr. Schneider.
10	A. I see it.
11	Q. Okay. And this was produced as Barrett 15 and
12	Barrett 16. It's the same advertisement, just from an
13	earlier date.
14	Again, you don't see any mention of that
15	document preparation fee in any of the fine print here
16	either, do you?
17	A. No.
18	Q. And again, you have no reason to doubt that
19	this document is exactly what it purports to be, which
20	is an advertisement for the sale of the 2013 Audi Q5,
21	which is the subject of this action?
22	A. Yes.
23	O. Okav. Now. how long have you I'm sorry. I

messed that up. Let me start again.

Τ	How long have you been selling cars in the
2	Commonwealth of Massachusetts for?
3	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Are you talking
4	about The Garage, who we're here to be deposed today?
5	BY MR. ZELMAN:
6	Q. How long has The Garage been in business for?
7	A. The garage is not in business anymore. How
8	long was The Garage Bridgewater in business for?
9	Q. Sure.
10	A. Five years, possibly, I think. I'm not
11	exactly sure of the dates, but I know it closed in
12	in December of 2021.
13	Q. Okay. The other Garage locations, were they
14	open before that time?
15	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Outside the scope.
16	BY MR. ZELMAN:
17	Q. Mr. Schneider?
18	A. Yes, they were.
19	Q. All right.
20	A. One of them.
21	Q. So
22	A. Excuse me. One of them was and the other one
23	was not. The other one was opened after that.
24	Q. All right. So just I'm trying to figure



1	out how long have you been in the business of selling
2	vehicles in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for?
3	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. We're not here for
4	the individual deposition of Mr. Schneider.
5	You can answer.
6	THE WITNESS: For years.
7	BY MR. ZELMAN:
8	Q. More than 20 years?
9	A. About about that.
10	Q. Okay. Now, in owning and running a dealership
11	in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are you required
12	to keep up with the laws that apply to dealerships in
13	the Commonwealth?
14	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
15	And I would instruct you not to answer, unless
16	you have personal knowledge. If the knowledge that you
17	would have obtained would have been through counsel, I
18	would instruct you not to answer.
19	BY MR. ZELMAN:
20	Q. Mr. LeBlanc I mean I'm sorry,
21	Mr. Schneider?
22	A. I I have been instructed not to answer.
23	MR. LEBLANC: Only if if you're
24	instructed not to answer if you learned or or you



1	would have learned of the answer to that question from
2	counsel. If you have independent knowledge, you may go
3	ahead and answer.
4	THE WITNESS: So maybe you can please re-ask
5	the question.
6	BY MR. ZELMAN:
7	Q. The question was simply: Are you aware that
8	you have to comply with the laws that pertain to
9	dealerships when running a dealership in the
10	Commonwealth of Massachusetts? That's the question.
11	A. I I know that all businesses have laws that
12	they are supposed to that are required, yes.
13	Q. Okay. And you are aware that under
14	Massachusetts law, a documentary preparation fee cannot
15	be charged unless it is included in the advertised price
16	of the vehicle; is that true?
17	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
18	If you would have learned that through
19	counsel, I'll instruct you not to answer it. To the
20	extent you would have independent knowledge of such,
21	you can answer it.
22	THE WITNESS: I I did I was not aware of
23	that.



BY MR. ZELMAN:

1	Q. When did you become aware of that?							
2	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. Calls for a legal							
3	conclusion.							
4	And answer his question of when you became							
5	aware of it.							
6	THE WITNESS: I don't remember exactly when I							
7	became aware of that.							
8	BY MR. ZELMAN:							
9	Q. You became aware of it when well, let me							
10	rephrase.							
11	You were certainly aware of it once the							
12	lawsuit was served and the law was cited in the							
13	Complaint. Is that fair to say?							
14	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.							
15	You can answer.							
16	THE WITNESS: Please state your question one							
17	more time.							
18	BY MR. ZELMAN:							
19	Q. Sure. As of the date that the Complaint was							
20	served on The Garage, you were certainly aware of the							
21	law, as the law was stated in the Complaint.							
22	Is that a fair statement?							
23	A. Yes.							
24	Q. Okay. Were you aware of that law prior to the							



1	Complaint being served on The Garage?						
2	A. No.						
3	Q. Okay. Now that you are aware of the law, does						
4	the dealerships in Brockton and Whitman include the						
5	documentary preparation fee in the advertised price of						
6	the vehicle, or do they still tack it on at the time of						
7	sale?						
8	MR. LEBLANC: Objection. I'm going to						
9	instruct him not to answer that question. If you want						
10	to go to court on that, you can.						
11	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. So let me just write that						
12	down, and then we will.						
13	And what is the basis for instructing the						
14	witness not to answer?						
15	MR. LEBLANC: You are asking a closed a						
16	corporation that's been closed for three years to						
17	testify about the practices and policies of separate						
18	corporations. It's inappropriate. And at this point,						
19	it is abusive and harassing to the process.						
20	You're you're going on a fishing expedition						
21	for other LLCs that are not at issue in this case.						
22	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. We're a little over an						
23	hour into this deposition. Frankly, we have not a						
24	whole lot left.						



1	BY MR. ZELMAN:						
2	Q. Mr. Schneider, do you feel that I've been rude						
3	to you at any point in this deposition?						
4	MR. LEBLANC: It's not about being rude,						
5	Yitzchak. That's not what I said.						
6	MR. ZELMAN: I understand. The question is						
7	not for you, though.						
8	THE WITNESS: No.						
9	BY MR. ZELMAN:						
10	Q. Have I been harassing or abusive towards you						
11	during this deposition?						
12	A. Some of the questions have been slightly out						
13	of line.						
14	Q. Which one's were those?						
15	A. Asking about the other entities and asking						
16	about a phone number, for a personal phone number.						
17	MR. ZELMAN: All right. Let's see what else						
18	we can get done during the deposition, and then we will						
19	make the call. All right.						
20	MR. LEBLANC: What no. No. Before we do						
21	this, what's your basis for making a call today?						
22	Because it will be an issue that can be briefed for the						
23	Court. There's no emergency here, and I will agree on						

the record that to the extent we submit written



submissions to the Court, that I will -- if the Court agrees with you, I will certainly agree to produce the witness to answer those questions.

I'm not, like, again, I'm saying that you're well outside the scope of the 30(b)(6). And I think by your own admission, that that would not be included within the scope of the 30(b)(6), and that's what we're here for today.

You're not entitled to go on a fishing expedition during a -- during -- for other companies, unrelated companies. And -- and I think there's no emergent nature to this because I am offering to bring the witness back to the extent there's an issue.

MR. ZELMAN: Right. But the problem with that is it -- it flips the burden, if you will, right? It's your burden to make a motion to limit or terminate the deposition, should you feel that's required or appropriate.

It's not my motion to go and compel answers to questions at a deposition, which should have not been instructed not to answer. So that's the issue, but again, we can address that perhaps at the break or else-wise.

MR. LEBLANC: Okay.



1	BY MR. ZELMAN:							
2	Q. Okay. Going back to the sale of the vehicle							
3	to my client, Mr. Schneider. Yeah, let's let's							
4	actually we'll pull up the the sale documents,							
5	and we can go through it together. Give me one second.							
6	I'll put it on the screen.							
7	All right. Did that work?							
8	A. Yes.							
9	Q. All right. Awesome. Okay. Give me one							
10	second.							
11	Okay. The document on the screen in front of							
12	you is GAR 1, and that is the motor vehicle purchase							

Do you see that?

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Q. Okay. The price of the vehicle was \$14,700?

contract for the Audi that was sold to my client by The

A. Yes.

Q. On top of that was charged \$949.31 in

Massachusetts sales tax?

A. That is for the -- the Department of -- the registry, yes.

Q. There was a \$100 fee charge for title preparation?



1	A. For the Registry of Motor Vehicles, yes.						
2	That's for the plates and things like that. The \$100, I						
3	think, is for new plates and registration.						
4	Q. Okay. There's a documentary preparation fee						
5	of \$489?						
6	A. Yes.						
7	Q. Okay. What was that for?						
8	A. For preparing all of the documents to go to						
9	the registry, the bill of sale, the odometer form, the						
10	warranty form, privacy letters. Also to make sure that						
11	the vehicle got we paid for inspection stickers for						
12	the for the customer at the inspection station.						
13	We also take and check the vehicle to make						
14	sure that it is okay, safety check. So it covers all of						
15	those areas.						
16	Q. And that's that's a fee that doesn't go to						
17	the RMV, that goes to The Garage, correct?						
18	A. Yes.						
19	Q. All right. The total with all the fees and						
20	the sales price is \$16,238.31?						
21	A. That is correct.						
22	Q. All right. My client provided a deposit of						



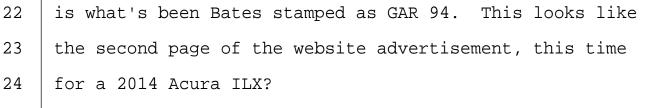
Yes.

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1	Q. All right. And then he	e had another \$4,738.31				
2	due on delivery?					
3	A. Yes.					
4	Q. And he did pay that, co	orrect?				
5	A. Yes.					
6	Q. Okay. And that documen	ntary preparation fee				
7	that was charged to my client, th	nat was charged to all				
8	of these customers at The Garage	at the time of the				
9	purchase of the of their vehice	cle, correct?				
10	A. At The Garage Bridgewat	ter location? Yes.				
11	Q. Yes. Okay. In this ac	ction, there were some				
12	advertisements that were produced	d by The Garage.				
13	Do you remember looking	g those over?				
14	A. I'm sorry. What is	what are you asking me?				
15	I don't understand.					
16	Q. There were some adverts	isements produced by The				
17	Garage. Do you recall that?					
18	A. I would have to see the	ose again.				
19	Q. Sure. Let me put it up	on the screen.				
20	A. Okay.					
21	Q. Okay. So I on the s	screen in front of you				





1	A.	Yes.					
2	Q.	All right. How did The Garage go about					
3	obtaining	this? Was this from the way-back machine or					
4	something else?						
5	A.	I believe it was in the folder of the					
6	automobile.						
7	Q.	Which automobile?					
8	A.	The Acura ILX.					
9	Q.	Okay. Do you still have that folder?					
10	A.	I believe that I might have it. I don't know					
11	for a fact.						
12	Q.	Why is it that you have the folder for the					
13	Acura ILX	, but not the folder for any of the other					
14	vehicles?						
15	A.	When I went to retrieve Mr. Barrett's folder,					
16	I grabbed	a couple of folders at random. Probably the					
17	"A" was at	the beginning for Acura. I probably just					
18	grabbed it to bring it with me.						
19		I don't know why. I just happened to do it at					
20	that point in time.						

- Q. How many other folders did you grab at that time?
- A. I don't recall. Maybe a couple. I'm not exactly sure.



1	Q. Do you still have them?						
2	A. I am not sure if I still have them or not. I						
3	I might still have a couple of folders, yes.						
4	Q. Okay. Next was produced a number of e-mails						
5	from Autotrader.						
6	Do you see that?						
7	MR. LEBLANC: Could you make it larger,						
8	Yitzchak?						
9	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Could you make it a						
10	little larger, please?						
11	MR. ZELMAN: Sure.						
12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.						
13	BY MR. ZELMAN:						
14	Q. Is that better?						
15	A. Yes.						
16	Q. Do you do you recall The Garage Bridgewater						
17	getting e-mails from Autotrader with regards to leads						
18	for for purchasers who we are interested in						
19	purchasing vehicles at the Bridgewater location?						
20	A. I I know that leads did come in from						
21	various advertising sources.						
22	Q. Including Autotrader?						
23	A. Yes.						
24	O Okay And this one is a different e-mail						



address, it's thegaragebridgewater@gmail.com?						
A. I I can see the address. That's						
thegaragebridgewater@gmail.com, yes.						
Q. Is that an e-mail that was used by Lauren or						
someone else at The Garage Bridgewater?						
A. Can only assume it was, yes. Through the web						
provider. Through the Autotrader.						
Q. All right. And how did well, let me ask						
you like this. Someone went through those e-mails in						
order to produce them for this case, correct?						
A. I don't know where the ad I don't know						
where it was from, if it was from a folder. I don't						
know.						
Q. All right. So that you didn't go to that						
e-mail and pull up these Autotrader e-mails?						
A. No.						
Q. Do you think it could have been from the						
folder of this 2012 Ford Escape?						
A. I I don't remember.						

- Q. Do you think Lauren would have done this?
- A. I don't know. I -- I have -- I don't know. I
 don't -- I don't know how -- I don't -- I don't
 remember.
 - Q. Well, if it wasn't you and it wasn't Lauren,



1	who could it be?						
2	A. I I can't answer that. I don't know.						
3	Q. By the policy of charging this documentary						
4	preparation fee at the time of sale, was that policy						
5	changed at any point during the time period of March						
6	2019 through December 2021?						
7	A. No.						
8	Q. And the policy for advertising the price of						
9	the vehicles being sold, but not including the						
LO	documentary preparation fee in the amount of the						
L1	vehicle sale price, did that policy change during the						
L2	time period of March 2019 through December 2021?						
L3	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.						
L4	You can answer.						
L5	THE WITNESS: My policy has always been the						
L6	same						
L7	BY MR. ZELMAN:						
L8	Q. Okay.						
L9	A in The Garage (audio interruption).						
20	THE REPORTER: The the last part of the						
21	answer got cut off. Was the was the witness saying						
22	my policy has always been the same in The Garage						
23	Bridgewater?						

Yes.



THE WITNESS:

1	THE REPORTER: Okay. Thank you. Just wanted							
2	to make sure that last word was correct.							
3	BY MR. ZELMAN:							
4	Q. Are you aware of the interactions that							
5	Ms. Silver, or anybody else at The Garage, had with							
6	Mr. Barrett at the time of the sale of the vehicle?							
7	A. Not at the time of the sale.							
8	Q. I mean, I know you said you spoke to							
9	Ms. Silver and she mentioned that Mr. Barrett was a good							
10	negotiator, but other than that, did she tell you							
11	anything about what occurred at the time of the sale or							
12	leading up to the time of the sale?							
13	A. Only after I received the Complaint.							
14	Q. And what did she tell you, other than what							
15	we've discussed already today?							
16	A. That he was very clear and understood exactly							
17	what the documentation fee was; that they did have a							
18	very clear trail of discussion; and that he was given a							
19	discounted portion of the documentation fee because he							
20	had asked for that; and that is why we discounted the							
21	price she told me from 14995 to 14,7.							
22	I guess she negotiated to give him half of the							
23	documentation fee, as, kind of, of what he was aware of.							

She also said that he, you know, had all of the



1	documentation	to bring	to his	finance	the	bank	that
2	financed him p	prior to	the deal	being	consumma	ated.	

- Q. The contract that we looked at earlier, the documented preparation fee is still listed as \$489, but the sale price of the vehicle was discounted by about \$295; is that right?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Why didn't Ms. Silver just discount the document preparation fee, if that's what she was trying to do, in fact?
- 11 MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
- 12 You can answer.
- THE WITNESS: Because everybody pays the same documentation fee.
- 15 BY MR. ZELMAN:
 - Q. And is it also a common practice in selling vehicles that people come in and try and negotiate the price of the vehicle by a couple of bucks?
 - A. Everybody tries to save as much as they can when purchasing.
 - Q. Sure. When The Garage Bridgewater was open, did you use any sale software, such as LeasingDesk or Autotrader, or anything like that?
 - A. We -- we used Autotrader.



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1	Q. Okay. Do you still use Autotrader?
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3	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
4	THE WITNESS: The business has been closed, so
5	we no longer use that.
6	BY MR. ZELMAN:
7	Q. I understand the Bridgewater location is
8	closed. At the other location, do you still use
9	Autotrader?
10	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
11	You can answer.
12	THE WITNESS: I I believe we use
13	Autotrader. I can't remember to be exactly, a couple
14	of different sources.
15	BY MR. ZELMAN:
16	Q. Have you checked Autotrader to see if you have
17	records relating to the sale of vehicles that were done
18	at The Garage Bridgewater location?
19	A. I'm sorry? Say it again. I couldn't you
20	broke up a little bit.
21	Q. Have you checked the Autotrader software to
22	see if it still has any records relating to sales of
23	vehicles from The Garage Bridgewater location?
24	A. No.



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- I just haven't done that. I no longer have Α. websites up. It's a closed business. No more leads are being generated for years.
- Ο. Did you use any other sort of dealership management software while The Garage Bridgewater was open, such as AutoRaptor and AutoManager, anything like that?
- We -- we had -- yes. And I'm trying -- I -- I Α. can't remember the name of it, but I -- I know we had a -- I know we had a service there. I just don't remember the exact name of it.
- Okay. Who -- who would remember that? Would 0. that be Lauren?
 - I --Α.
- 16 MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
- 17 You can answer.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I -- she would probably
- 19 remember that.
- 20 BY MR. ZELMAN:
- 21 (Audio interruption) whichever one it was --0.
- 22 THE REPORTER: Sorry, counsel, could you
- 23 start --
- 24 MR. LEBLANC: Start your question. You broke



Τ	up completely at the beginning.
2	BY MR. ZELMAN:
3	Q. My apologies. If you were to access that
4	software, whatever software it is, you'd be able to see
5	the records of the vehicles that were sold at The Garage
6	back before it closed? And again, I'm referring to the
7	Bridgewater location.
8	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
9	You can answer.
10	THE WITNESS: I don't know.
11	BY MR. ZELMAN:
12	Q. And that's because you haven't tried to look?
13	A. Yes.
14	MR. ZELMAN: Looking through my list of
15	questions here to see what I still have for you. Give
16	me a moment.
17	MR. LEBLANC: You want us to take a few-minute
18	break so you can do that?
19	MR. ZELMAN: We can do it either way. Just I
20	want to
21	MR. LEBLANC: I know you want to have a
22	discussion about the other question that's outstanding,
23	and I'd like to talk to my client about it so.
24	MR. ZELMAN: Sure. Why don't we take five



Τ	minutes, come back at 11:15 or so. Just, I'm wrapping
2	up anyway.
3	MR. LEBLANC: Great. Sounds
4	THE REPORTER: Hearing no objection, we'll go
5	off the record. Time is going on 11:11 a.m.
6	(A recess was taken.)
7	THE REPORTER: We are back on the record.
8	Time is 11:22 a.m.
9	MR. LEBLANC: So before going back or going
10	back to Attorney Zelman's questions, I've had the
11	opportunity to talk with my client about the two kind
12	of outstanding issues in the deposition.
13	The first being Lauren Silver, and I've
14	offered Attorney Zelman the piece of information that I
15	will be representing her as an employee of The Garage
16	Bridgewater. Thus, any contact that he intends to make
17	should be done through me.
18	And second, with regard to the question about
19	the two nonparty entities and their policy relating to
20	documentary preparation fees and advertisements, I will
21	allow the witness to answer that single question, with
22	the reservation that we won't allow further questions
23	for unrelated unnamed entities.
24	The witness he clearly was not



1	contemplated, those topics were clearly not contemplated
2	in the 30(b)(6), and the witness wasn't prepared to
3	testify to them.

Given the fact that we have that one question pending, and in an effort to act in the spirit of cooperation as discovery requires us to, I will allow the witness to answer that one question, but given the position any further questions, we will view as further harassment. So we're going to ask that it be limited to that one question.

- MR. ZELMAN: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. ZELMAN:
- Q. So let's just get that out of the way then.
- Mr. Schneider, do you know the answer to that
- 15 question?

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- 16 A. Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. And what is the answer?
- A. The answer is that the advertisements have a disclosure at the end of each of them explaining how the fees are charged.
- Q. So the same type of disclaimer we saw earlier on the advertisements today?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Okay. Let me go back here.



1	MR. LEBLANC: And we did offer Attorney
2	Zelman, there is a correction for the question
3	BY MR. ZELMAN:
4	Q. Oh, yeah. You had a correction to the
5	software a correction to the software question I had
6	asked you before the break?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. What was what's your correction?
9	A. I have reached out to our provider for the
LO	automobile billing that we've done through there, and
L1	he no longer has any records of any of the deals that
L2	were put through the Bridgewater location.
L3	Q. Which provider is that?
L4	A. CARPRO.
L5	Q. CARPRO?
L6	A. Yes.
L7	Q. Now, in response to our request for
L8	production, there were supplemental responses served
L9	where we asked for records reflecting documentary
20	preparation fees that were paid by these customers or
21	that were obtained by the Defendant within the relevant
22	time period.
23	And the supplemental response to that request

was that there are three documents that are being



1	withheld from the production at this time.
2	Do you know what those three documents are?
3	A. I'm not understanding the question.
4	Q. Sure. Let me share my screen. In response to
5	Plaintiff's request for production of documents, there
6	was a number of supplemental responses served where the
7	Defendant responded that it's withholding three
8	documents because, "the Court has not certified
9	Plaintiff's proposed class and the production of these
10	documents would result in disclosure of personal
11	identifying information for putative class members
12	prior to a ruling on class certification in Plaintiff's
13	favor."
14	Do you know what those three documents that
15	are
16	MR. LEBLANC: Objection.
17	To the extent you only would have learned of
18	the identification of the three documents through
19	counsel, I would instruct you not to answer.
20	BY MR. ZELMAN:
21	Q. Mr. Schneider?
22	MR. LEBLANC: I'm instructing him not to
23	answer. Objections and withholding documents from
24	discovery are in the purview of the lawyer.



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1	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. So I guess we will need to
2	confer on that after this.
3	All right. So that's all my questions for you
4	today, Mr. Schneider.
5	Unless it opens anything up for you, Mr.
6	LeBlanc, then you'll be free to go.
7	MR. LEBLANC: I have no questions at this
8	time.
9	MR. ZELMAN: Okay. Then thank you for your
10	time, Mr. Schneider.
11	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
12	THE REPORTER: Thank you. All right. Before
	prior to closing out this record, I'll just secure
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                              Okay.
               THE REPORTER:
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                            I'm going to talk to Mr. LeBlanc
               MR. ZELMAN:
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     after this, anyway.
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               THE REPORTER: All right. If that's the case,
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     just reach out to Esquire, then.
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               And then for Mr. LeBlanc, I'll assume you'll
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     be ordering a copy. As you said, the witness will be
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     wanting the 30 days to read and sign.
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               Is that the case?
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               MR. LEBLANC:
                             Correct.
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               THE REPORTER:
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               MR. LEBLANC: Electronic -- electronic only is
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     fine.
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                              Electronic only. And would you
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    prefer the read and sign be sent to you or to the
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     witness directly?
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               MR. LEBLANC: Please send it to me.
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               THE REPORTER: Understood. And that is
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     everything from my end. We will close out this record.
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     Time is just past 11:29 a.m.
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               MR. ZELMAN:
                            Thank you.
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              (The deposition concluded at 11:29 a.m.)
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